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In re Application of: : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Michael A. Arkes : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**
Application No.: 09/414,951 :
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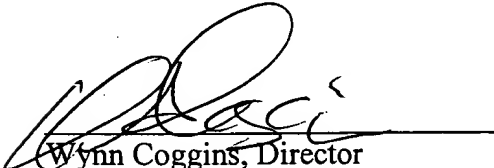
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This is in response to the petition filed on June 13, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.181 for review of the finding by Examiner that the Rule 131 Declaration filed December 3, 2004 is insufficient for demonstrating the conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention as recited in at least claims 1 and 6-20 prior to the July 14, 1999 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,408 to Copple et al. Petitioner respectfully submits that the previously-filed Rule 131 Declaration meets all of the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and, therefore, is sufficient for antedating the Copple et al. patent. The delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.

Because a review on the merits of a 37 CFR 1.131 affidavit is by appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and is not petitionable, the above noted petition is DISMISSED. See MPEP 715.08.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Questions concerning this decision should be referred to SPE Jim Trammell at 571-272-6712.


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